

How have education program fees been put to work?

Fiscal year 2009 revenues provided for the design, development, and delivery of the following educational programs at the Bureau of Land Management Campbell Creek Science Center on the Campbell Tract in Anchorage, Alaska. Approximately 42,000 school children, teachers, and members of the public benefited this year. The development of these programs will continue to benefit the citizens of southcentral Alaska for many years to come.

Adult and family education programs

offer workshops, interpretive hikes, special events, and lecture series on natural resource topics. Direct experience by the public in science promotes environmental awareness and sound natural resource management.



Earth Ranger Academy

is a three-day program for 6th-grade students designed in partnership with the Anchorage School District. Students sharpen observational skills, work in teams to investigate forests or streams, and gain a deeper understanding of ecosystem science in the process.



Design-A-Science-Day Program

offers activities that meet the interests and learning objectives of a particular group. Staff members at the Science Center work with teachers, scout leaders, or community members to custom-design a program for a hands-on, minds-on experience. Many school programs are correlated to state and national science standards.



Interpretive Naturalist Certification Program of Alaska

is a cooperative venture among Anchorage-area organizations to train local citizens to become better naturalists, interpreters, environmental educators, or non-formal science teachers. The program:

- develops a corps of community educators trained to a rigorous standard in Alaskan natural history, interpretive techniques, non-formal science education, and environmental education;
- links trained participants to volunteer and employment opportunities to meet specific needs within the local community;
- pools community training resources into a comprehensive, coordinated program;
- promotes science and environmental education in the community; and
- fosters a sense of stewardship in the audiences served.



What is the Recreation Fee Demonstration Project?

In 1996 Congress authorized federal agencies to collect recreation fees to help address unmet needs for visitor services, repairs and maintenance, and resource management. In 1999 the Campbell Tract became one of the 100 fee sites managed by the Bureau of Land Management nationwide. Through this project, the BLM is allowed and required to apply the collected fees to the site, rather than returning the fees to the U.S. Treasury.

Why are fees needed?

Fees are collected for educational programs at the Campbell Creek Science Center. Fees are as follows: \$20 per student for a full-day program and \$10 per student for a half-day program. Fees are also collected for facility rentals. These fees help maintain the high quality programs and services provided by the Science Center and staff. There is no fee for general use of Campbell Tract for recreational activities such as cross-country skiing, biking, skijoring, horseback riding, hiking, and dog mushing.

Fee Recap (*Fiscal Year 2009*)

Revenues	\$91,123
Expenses	\$124,833
Contributed Volunteer Labor	\$185,749
BLM's Contribution	\$473,544



Mission Statement:

It is the mission of the Bureau of Land Management to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

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